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The best of the best businesses in McK

McKinleyville Chamber members have submitted their nominations for the annual Members Choice Awards. The four businesses in each category with the most nominations are now on the ballot to decide who the ultimate winners will be.

Nominees will be recognized and winners will be announced at the dinner and auction to be held on Friday, March 27 at the Blue Lake Casino's Sapphire Palace.

Congratulations to this year's nominees. New Business of the Year nominees are Cloney's Pharmacy, Essential Elements Wellness Spa and Sauna, Fieldbrook General Store and Nor Cal Pet Supply. Business of the Year are Coast Central Credit Union, Les Schwab Tire, Miller Farms Nursery and Six Rivers Brewery.

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Best Customer Service nominees are A&L Feed and Garden Supply, Essential Elements Wellness Spa and Sauna, Express Employment Professionals and Les Schwab Tire.

Home Based Business of the Year nominees are Ceremonies by Design, JB Maryn, Klotz Mobile Detail and



WELCOME TO MACK TOWN The staff of the new H&R Block and representatives of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce gathered for a ribbon cutting.

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Orchids for the People.

Best Non Profit of the Year nominees are Kiwanis Club of McKinleyville, Lions Club of McKinleyville, Mad River Rotary and McKinleyville Family Resource Center.

BOSS Workshop Feb. 18

Finding the best employees, marketing strategies, time management, inventory, using your resources, visibility and social media – these are some of the topics that business owners have found solutions for in the monthly BOSS (Business Owners Sharing Solutions) Workshops offered by the chamber.

The workshop is held the third Wednesday of every month at The Silver Lining from noon to 2 p.m. Business owners who are members of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce (and their



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designees) may attend BOSS for free.

A \$10 fee applies to non-members. Workshops are facilitated by Richard Paris Borough, Ph.D. of Master-Mind Alliance. Get information or reserve your spot by calling the chamber office at (707) 839-2449.

H&R Block ribbon cutting

New chamber member H&R Block celebrated its opening at 2765 Central Ave. in McKinleyville with a ribbon cutting. Owner Jim Courtney and office manager Julie Sims welcomed the community at an open house held on Jan. 16.

Tax preparers are on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. They can help you with your individual or business taxes and answer any questions you may have about the new health care law.

You can reach them at (707) 839-1742.

Sailor | If you see seals 'adore them from afar'

FROM A1

and stabilized. She got a medical checkup which showed that her eyes were clear and that she had no bites or urinary tract infections.

After being hand fed through a tube, the next step was to "see how much she knows about fish," Strickland said.

At the time, he gave the faltering, two- to three-month old lioness a nominal 60 percent chance of survival. "The outlook is good, but guardedly good," Strickland said. "By the time we get them, something has been going on for a while."

He credited NCMMC Stranding Coordinator

Lynda Stockton and volunteer Kristen Orth for their rescuing skills.

Since then, Sailor has thrived in NCMMC's care, and is now "free feeding" on fish. The happy ending – really a new beginning for Sailor – will be when she is healthy enough for release at Pebble Beach in Crescent City.

As to how baby Sailor came to be motherless and starving, no one knows. The mother could have been lost in an accident, or abandoned her baby. That not uncommonly happens on beaches during midwinter pupping season, when humans gather to ooh and ahh at prides of sea lions.

If a human gets between a mother and her pup, the mom sometimes gets spooked and swims off, abandoning her offspring. "Their main problem is people coming up to them," Strickland said.

Sometimes, the orphaned young are found with dog bites, propeller strikes, gunshot wounds and even arrows sticking out of them.

Some fishermen have viewed marine mammals as a threat to the fish supply, and tried to eliminate them when the opportunity arises. But Strickland said that most fishermen now realize that the best way to ensure adequate fish stocks is to

maintain a healthy ecosystem, of which sea lions, seals and other marine mammals are an integral part.

Strickland's advice to those who encounter a sea creature on the beach is not to approach it, but to adore it from afar.

Says the NCMMC's Facebook page, "If you find a seal pup, please do NOT pick it up. Please keep your distance and keep all pets leashed. Most likely its mom is foraging offshore and knows exactly where she left her pup. If you do happen to come across one of these cuties, please call us at (707) 465-6265 or on our stranding line at (707) 951-4722."

Landslide | And a Monday tree fall

FROM A1

sible. Some Cypress Hall residents are being temporarily relocated to available campus housing.

Access to Granite Avenue will be limited as HSU staff assesses the slide. The slide site is just south of residential Terrace Avenue.

The Housing Information Desk was staffed 24 hours a day throughout the weekend to provide shuttle service and support residents who need to access their rooms in Creekview.

A steady procession of white HSU vans ferried students back and forth around the coned-off protection zone by the hillside.

HSU spokesman Jared Petroske said the initial assessment was done by a university grounds crew. Electrical power was cut to the Housing shed at the hillside's base. A tree that had shifted with the soil had its movement tracked with use of lasers by Dr. Steve Sillet, professor of forestry and wildland resources.

A team of geologists is being assembled to further assess the stability

of the hillside.

Monday morning coming down

Humboldt State issued this press release Monday morning:

The Campus Apartments at Humboldt State University remain closed after the facility was hit by a large section of a redwood tree early this morning.

There were no injuries. Students living in the apartments have been relocated to the Great Hall in the College Creek Apartments on campus.

The incident occurred just before 1 a.m., and was brought about by extremely high winds. A redwood tree very close to the building split, with one section hitting the roof and the third story. Damage, while significant, does not appear to have affected the structural integrity of the building.

University Police and Arcata Fire Department responded quickly, as did staff from Residence Life and a number of other campus departments.

The building was evacuated, and it was determined that further safety checks would be needed in the

morning. Students living there were allowed to make short, escorted trips in to their rooms to get small personal items and class materials, and then were relocated to the Great Hall.

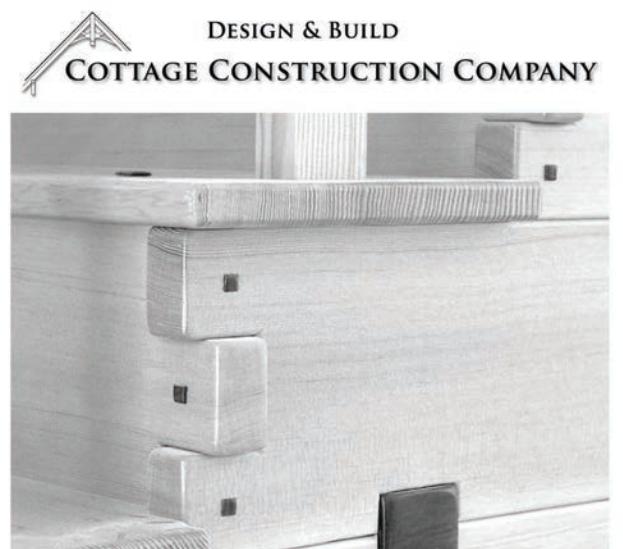
University staff have been at the scene all morning, and have determined that a crane will be needed to remove a portion of the tree that is still on the roof. That is expected to be done today or tomorrow. At that point, facilities staff and contractors will be able to better assess the damage and estimate repair time.

Staff are also assessing the structural integrity of a number of other trees near Campus Apartments.

The Campus Apartments remain closed and the University is asking individuals to stay away from the area.

THE BUMPERS The McKinleyville Low Vision Support group, The Bumpers, invite people to join the group on Monday, Feb. 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. The group will discuss medical alert systems. (707) 839-0588

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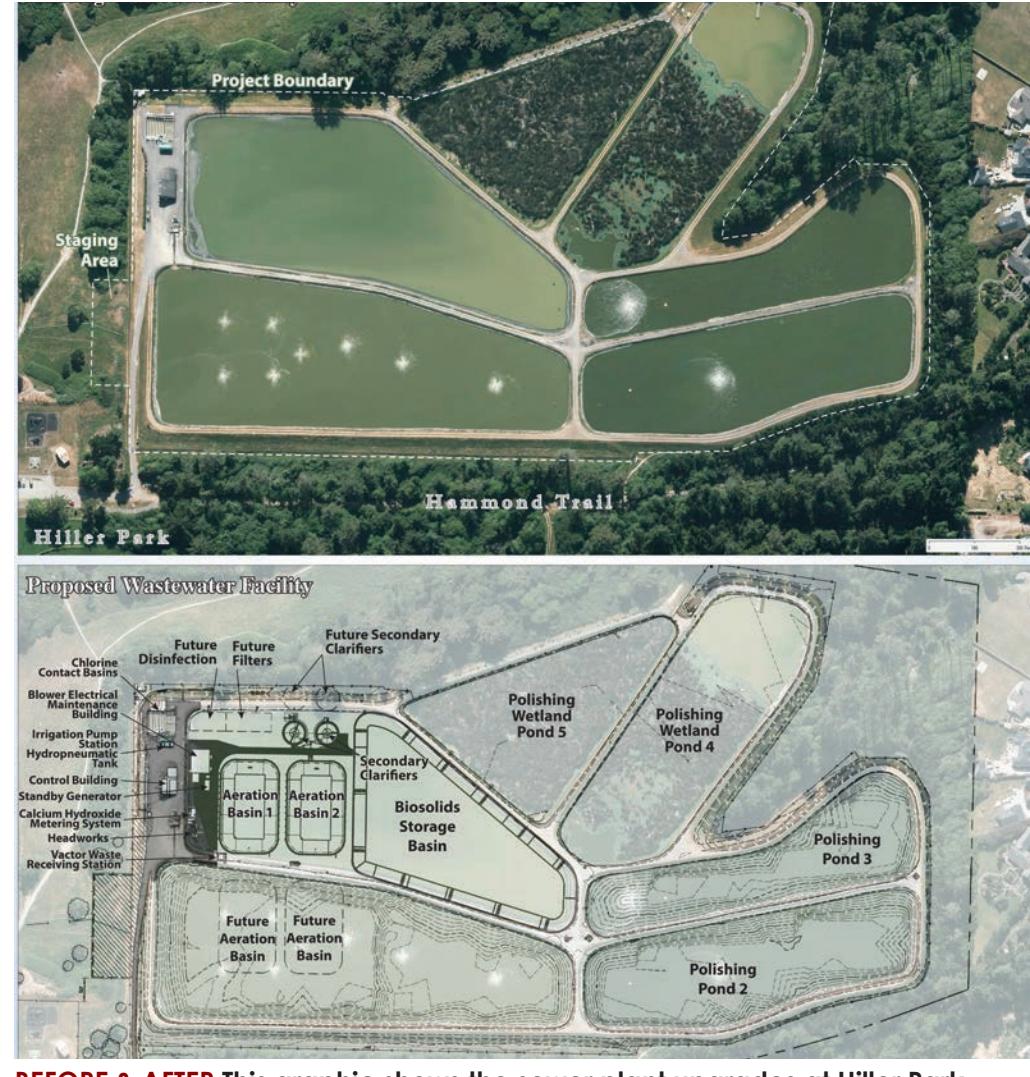
flowing at a rate of at least 200 cubic feet per second. During the summer, from mid-May to September, the effluent is used to irrigate the Fischer Ranch at the corner of School and Fischer roads. A rancher leases the property from the district to grow organic hay.

The state's water quality requirements are getting stricter, according to MCSD Manager Greg Orsini, and the district wants to stay ahead of the curve and in compliance. Failure to do so could be costly, with the state levying fines of \$3,000 per day per violation.

Unlike some of the previous sewer upgrades in town, this one has nothing to do with keeping up with growth and increasing capacity. "There was no motivation related to growth," Orsini said. It's strictly to keep the district in compliance.

In preparation for the new mechanical equipment that will be installed, last year the MCSD had one of the six sewer ponds dredged. Located at the southwest corner of the plant, the pond will be filled in when construction begins this summer, if all goes as planned. Then the district will build two large, earthen aeration basins, two circular cement secondary clarifiers and a biosolids storage basin inside the former pond.

But before the project can begin, the MCSD needs



BEFORE & AFTER This graphic shows the sewer plant upgrades at Hiller Park.

to obtain financing and adjust sewer rates to pay for the project as well as the increased operating and maintenance expenses of the mechanical system.

Orsini said that the district is pursuing grant funding as well as a low-interest loan. This will determine how much of the costs the ratepayers will be responsible for.

The MCSD would then have to propose a rate increase and approve it under

the provisions of Prop. 218, which requires the MCSD to justify the rate adjustment and gives ratepayers an opportunity to protest the increase. If there is enough opposition, ratepayers can prevent the rate hike.

Once the financing is secured and sewer rates are adjusted to pay for the project, then the district will go out to bid.

A majority of the project may be completed by early 2016 and performance

testing would begin on the new system. By September 2016, the entire upgrade may be finished.

Construction of the facility will be the culmination of a 8-year process that started with a Facility Plan approved by the MCSD Board of Directors in 2012 that maps the next 20 years for planning, maintenance and upgrades to the collection, treatment and reuse of the town's domestic wastewater.

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Superintendent stepping down in McKinleyville

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE — The superintendent of McKinleyville's elementary schools has announced that he is leaving the district at the end of the school year.

McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD) Superintendent Michael Davies-Hughes sent a letter to district employees Friday morning, Feb. 6, stating that he will resign from his position effective June 30. Davies-Hughes is leaving because he has accepted a job as assistant superintendent of educational services at Eureka City Schools.



Michael Davies-Hughes

"This new role will be an opportunity for me to grow professionally in a K-12 environment whilst also honoring my personal commitment of spending more time with my family," stated Davies-Hughes in the letter.

The MUSD Board of Trustees was scheduled to hold a meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 10, after the *Union* went to press, to discuss replacing the superintendent.

The MUSD oversees Dow's Prairie, Morris and McKinleyville Middle schools.

Davies-Hughes worked 13 years for the MUSD, first as the assistant principal at the McKinleyville Middle School, then as principal at Morris School and, for the past three years, superintendent.

It's been an eventful tenure for the superintendent, with a highly controversial school realignment that was approved last year and tense labor negotiations with teachers. The district also refinanced its bonds, saving taxpayers millions of dollars, and construction finally began last year on a new gym at the middle school.

"Please know that for the next five months I am fully committed to leading this district in realizing its vision and mission while also working to ensure a smooth transition to new leadership," Davies-Hughes wrote in his letter.

FAT TUESDAY The Church of the Joyful Healer Youth Group invites the public to a Fat Tuesday Dessert Bar, Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave. near Starbucks in McKinleyville. The event will feature a variety of desserts to be indulged in onsite or to go. Donations are accepted for upcoming Youth Group mission trips.

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Students flail HSU ban on classes in Native Forum

Paul Mann

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HSU – Student protesters at Humboldt State University reject as a gross violation of academic freedom an order issued Jan. 30 by Interim Provost Jenny Zorn that bans classes in the Native American Forum.

Zorn cited what she called the students' own "direct challenges" to academic freedom as justification for prohibiting classes there until the protest in the forum ends.

But it is the outright banning of classes by the Rossbacher administration that constitutes a flagrant breach of academic freedom, the protesters counter-charge. In their judgment, the administration has the matter of freedom exactly backwards and Zorn's letter is a gratuitous insult to students and faculty campus-wide.

Further, they accuse Zorn and the administration of racism for citing as the authority for the ban the definitions of academic freedom enunciated by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

In light of its historical origins, the AAUP is neither authoritative nor trustworthy, the students contend. In fact, they charge, it is intrinsically racist.

Founded in 1915 when Jim Crow laws governed the South, the AAUP was established less than 20 years after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of black segregation in the 1896 case of *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

In view of this history, members of the Unified Students of Humboldt were appalled when they read Zorn's Jan. 30 letter, according to activist representative Ama Tierney. "They called it the most blatantly racist communication the administration has sent out" in the weeks since rotating cadres of protesters started occupying the Native American Forum on Jan. 19.

Tierney explained, "They were aghast that Zorn's letter referred to definitions of academic freedom that come historically from a white male-dominated institution that was founded when the United States was an openly and legally white supremacist country."

Zorn's Jan. 30 letter cited two AAUP principles that she accused the students of flouting:

- "Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning."

- "Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject."

Zorn referred specifically to two demands that the protesters issued in January, which she stated were infringements on academic freedom defined by the AAUP. The students asserted in writing that all classes and activities in the Native American Forum should be "relatable" to indigenous students. Second, they demanded that professors who teach there alter their course content accordingly and "weave indigenous studies" into general education classes as well as other disciplines.

Asked if the Unified Students of Humboldt were demanding that courses and classes in all academic disci-

plines contain indigenous context if taught in the forum, Tierney affirmed, "Any classes taught in the forum absolutely should weave indigenous perspectives into the teaching because the building itself is modeled after Yurok architecture and the 'Circle,' a Native American social structure. Everything about the way that building was created was expressly intended for the indigenous community."

That includes STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) classes, Tierney said. "The indigenous perspective is important in the sciences. To say that, for example, rangeland science was founded by a white person in the 1800s is ridiculous when Native people have been managing their rangelands for thousands of years. Failing to acknowledge that is to erase a very important contribution that Native people have made to the natural sciences."

(Historians trace the emergence of rangeland science to crisis conditions in the western range of the U.S. in the 1880s and early 1890s.)

Tierney suggested an alternative approach to curriculum content, campus-wide and softened the demands somewhat.

"Maybe every incoming freshman should have to take at least one Native American studies course," she said. "This would strengthen their orientation to the history of this land and its peoples," which includes the salient fact that Humboldt State occupies ancestral Wiyot territory.

"That doesn't mean, though, that every single course at HSU has to have indigenous content," she allowed.

A 2014 Humboldt State Native graduate who described herself as a grass roots alumni organizer said Zorn's decision to name the AAUP as the authority for her banning order is unmistakable evidence that President Lisa Rossbacher, Zorn and other high-ranking administration officials are white, 20th-century anachronisms out of touch with 21st-century thinking.

In the alumna's words, "The AAUP is exactly what we're trying to get away from, the established norms of white privilege."

What the administration should be using as its universal standard, she proposed, is the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a non-legally binding resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007.

First conceived in 1982, the declaration was endorsed by President Barack Obama in December 2010 on behalf of the nation's 560 Indian tribes.

"I can see how someone in Zorn's position of power would think that an apparent lack of academic freedom could make one or another person uncomfortable in a classroom," the student sympathized. "However, it's the academic freedom of the teachers, by their own choice, to hold their classes in this space and incorporate indigenous knowledge in them. It is their choice: their freedom is intact."

In her notification letter to faculty, Zorn said she based her decision "on feedback from some faculty and students,"

whom she described as "uncomfortable and intimidated by the educational environment" in the forum while protesters are present.

The protesters have renamed it the Jacquelyn Bolman Forum in honor of the Lakota science educator the administration dismissed last fall, an action which has triggered unrelenting opposition ever since.

Only a week old, the ban on classes has been roundly ignored to date, with no reported attempts by the administration to enforce it. In the students' view, the ban has needlessly intensified the estrangement between students of color and the administration, while the failure to enforce it undermines the administration's credibility just when it needs it most.

Consistent with that, three Humboldt State faculty in the Departments of Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Kim Berry), Native American Studies (Marlon Sherman) and Sociology (Jennifer Eichstedt) cautioned Zorn last October in a joint email that in the wake of Bolman's firing, the administration would find itself grappling for a long time with much broader issues, namely campus-wide "feelings and experiences of alienation, powerlessness and grief."

Those issues continue to reverberate in 2015 as the student protest movement gains political momentum and enters its fifth month. [See story, page A1.]

Bolman's recent firing, the faculty trio counseled, heightens "experiences of marginalization and micro-aggressions on campus and in our community. In particular, many Native individuals experience serious but often undetectable traumas based on lifetimes or centuries of harm to themselves or their peoples. For many of HSU's Native faculty, staff and students, the targeting of one of our own [Bolman] resonates with that long history of harm."

"The mentality of this administration is very discouraging," Tierney remarked sadly last week. "I wish it would think about this university 50 years from now, really imagine what this campus is going to look like half-way through the 21st century. Not only demographically, but culturally and intellectually, everything. What is the legacy they're going to leave to this institution? Can they take a step back and see the Big Picture?"

"We feel they're pursuing a divide-and-conquer strategy, splitting us up into little boxes and isolating us into little pockets in the RISS," the acronym for Retention and Inclusive Student Success. It is an administration framework that reorganizes students of color into three so-called Centers of Academic Excellence, one each for African-Americans, Native Americans and Latino/Latinas.

Tierney and her colleagues see the RISS structure as typifying the racist and segregationist mentality of the university's white leadership, the product of what they perceive as the antediluvian thinking of two administrations, Rollin Richmond's and Lisa Rossbacher's.

Paul Mann was HSU press aide from 2003-2014. – Ed.

MANILA TEENS Teenship meetings are held every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr. in Manila. This is an open group for teens to plan fundraising, activities and hear guest speakers talk about life skills.

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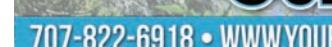
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Chump chucks change

• Saturday, January 24

3:10 p.m. While homeowners were at work, an unknown suspect broke into a house on Silverado Avenue in McKinleyville. The burglar ransacked the house, but the only thing he took was a jar of change, which was found scattered all over the yard. One of the homeowners saw a suspicious looking fellow in the area before he went to work who may have been the burglar. He is described as a white male adult, 18 to 21 years old with a thin build, about 5 feet, 9 inches tall with scruffy facial hair. He was wearing a black baseball hat with red underneath the brim.



leyville Sheriff's Office. **12:01 p.m.** A man attempted to kill himself on Central Avenue in McKinleyville by shooting himself, but the injury turned out not to be fatal, with the bullet piercing his neck and face. He was taken to Mad River Community Hospital, then transferred to Semper Virens for a mental health evaluation.

• Tuesday, January 27 **7:27 a.m.** Over on Vista Drive in McKinleyville, a woman ran down the road screaming. No additional details were available.

11:53 a.m. A green and white backpack containing marijuana and suspected burglary tools was found near Park Road and B Avenue in Mack Town.

3:17 p.m. A man had a panic attack serious enough that deputies decided to take him to Semper Virens in Eureka.

• Wednesday, January 28 **9:18 a.m.** A resident in the 3000 block of Central Avenue in McKinleyville awoke to find a three-inch fixed-blade Smith & Wesson hunting knife in her driveway.

• Sunday, January 25

11:56 a.m. Over on Perini Road in McKinleyville, Samantha Crutchfield allegedly broke into her ex-boyfriend's house while he was asleep and woke him up by slapping and punching him in the face. When the victim called the Sheriff's Office, Crutchfield took off.

• Monday, January 26

11:13 a.m. A woman delivered a container of used syringes to the McKin-

leyville Sheriff's Office.

12:01 p.m. A man attempted to kill himself on Central Avenue in McKinleyville by shooting himself, but the injury turned out not to be fatal, with the bullet piercing his neck and face. He was taken to Mad River Community Hospital, then transferred to Semper Virens for a mental health evaluation.

• Tuesday, January 27 **2:30 p.m.** A man, his beard, guitar and blue sport coat have been complicating life for library users. He was moved along.

3:39 p.m. A drunk at the transit center horked and gurgled all over

People and cars in low-level ground war

• Monday, January 26 **1:32 p.m.**

A woman claimed that a laundromat had kept several of her bedsheets after doing her laundry for her. She estimated the loss at \$500, and has hired a civil attorney.

3:05 p.m. A Courtyard Circle dog is getting more and more aggro, just as you would if you had to live in a small, poopy crate.

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his camouflage jacket, compromising its concealment powers and creating an impromptu gross-out zone. That made it easy for an officer to locate and arrest the vile vomiteer on a public drunkenness charge.

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H Street, a man was arrested.

5:44 p.m. A mother said her son tore a door off its hinges, then fled in a car.

7:55 p.m. Shared custody of a dog with an ex-boyfriend in Loleta isn't working out so well for one pet co-owner.

9:14 p.m. A scraped-up bicyclist said that an hour earlier, a car had brushed him at the Union Street roundabout, possibly clipping his tire, and he took a tumble. He followed the car to a Samoa Boulevard address and got vehicle information.

• Wednesday, January 28 **12:18 p.m.** Police were called to a school where a lad had started a fire in the restroom.

Shots fired in Trin

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TRINIDAD – A man was shot at during a dispute Sunday night, Feb. 8, outside Cher-Ae Heights Casino in Trinidad. At about 9:45 p.m. the Sheriff's Office received a call regarding possible shots fired.

Deputies located a male victim who told them he had been involved in a verbal altercation with another male inside the casino. The victim said he and the suspect decided to take their disagreement outside.

Outside the casino, the suspect brandished a firearm and shot at the victim. The victim was not hit and was able to escape unharmed. The suspect fled on foot, and may have gotten a ride out of the area. The victim identified the suspect as Jonathan Nixon.

Man takes power mud bath

• Friday January 30 **4:57 p.m.**

A man was found slumped over at the end of Mill Street on the Humboldt State University campus. Officers contacted the non-student, evaluated him, and suggested he relocate off campus grounds, as on-campus slumping is reserved for students and faculty.

• Sunday February 1 **10:37 a.m.** A student collapsed at the Granite Avenue cafeteria cash register. An officer and ambulance responded, though the student opted out of transport to Mad River Community Hospital.

• Tuesday, February 3 **11:31 a.m.** A female student approached

the University Police Department office front counter visibly upset.

After speaking with an officer, she explained that she has anxiety issues and is working with the Humboldt State University counseling services, and was, for the most part, going to be OK.

• Wednesday, February 4 **11:15 a.m.** A campus clothes dryer caught on fire.

• Friday, February 6 **12:21 p.m.** A storm-related landslide occurred behind the Housing Grounds building.

• 3:02 p.m. A man was seen lying in the mud outside the HSU Library using a nearby outlet to charge his phone.

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Shots fired in Hoopa end in arrest, arms cache find

MAD RIVER UNION

HOOPA – On Feb. 5 at about 9:30 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of shots being fired in the direction of Hoopa High School off Highway 96. The school went into lock down. When deputies arrived on scene, they were assisted by Humboldt County juvenile probation officer who happened to be in the area.

Deputies learned the shots originated from a residence located at the intersection of Loop Road and Matilton Cutoff Road, about 50 yards from the school. Deputies contacted a female victim, who stated that she was in a verbal argument with her husband, 33-year-old Brandon Joseph Biondini.

As she walked away from the residence, she said she heard the sounds of a round being racked into a rifle, and started to run. She said she heard three rounds fired in her direction.

Deputies located Biondini driving a truck on Pine Creek Road in Hoopa a short time later and took him into custody without incident. Biondini was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats and domestic violence and for discharging a firearm in a negligent manner. He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility in Eureka on \$500,000 bail.

At about 2:20 p.m. a search warrant was signed by a Humboldt County Superior Court Judge for the residence in this incident. After it was searched, deputies seized the below-listed firearms as evidence.

1. Windham Weaponry AR-15 type semi-automatic rifle – 223 – with one loaded high capacity magazine
2. Ruger Mini-30 semi-automatic rifle - 7.63X39mm – with two loaded high capacity magazines
3. Winchester bolt action rifle – 30-06
4. Winchester lever action rifle – 30 caliber
5. Ruger 77-22 semi-automatic rifle – 22 Hornet
6. Winchester pump shotgun – 12 Gauge
7. Winchester lever action rifle – 22 LR
8. Ruger 10-22 semi-automatic rifle – 22 LR
9. P-38 semi-automatic pistol – 9 MM Luger

Arrest after bottle bash

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARCATA – An Arcata man was arrested Monday, Feb. 2 for allegedly bashing another man over the head with a bottle. At about 7:30 p.m., APD received a report of an altercation occurring in the 700 block of Ninth St.

Upon arrival, they found a 21-year-old male bleeding from a laceration on his head. The victim stated that he had been in a verbal argument with a male subject near the intersection of Ninth and G streets. He walked away from the subject and as he did, was struck on the head with a bottle. The victim and witnesses identified the suspect as Bhakti J. Dillenbeck, 31, of Arcata. The victim refused medical assistance, other than first-aid provided on-scene.

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Station renovation kicks into high gear

GREENWAY PARTNERS

ARCATA/MCKINLEYVILLE — Greenway Partners has completed the design for the Arcata Fire Department and will now provide on-site project management coordinating with Pacific Builders to renovate the facility. This long overdue investment in critical public safety infrastructure is slated for completion in late spring.

A pre-construction meeting was held at the Greenway Building to orient contractors and sub-contractors on the rules and regulations regarding this project. Everything from heat to drywall and electricity to finishes was discussed. Tony Luchessi of Pacific Builders stated, "By nature, one of the most important buildings in any community is its fire department, and all of us at Pacific Builders are honored to be part of the team to complete the modernization of the Arcata Fire Protection District (AFPD). Although Pacific Builders will be the visible organization on site, all credit is due the AFPD and Greenway Partners for completing the decades-long process of getting the project up to the commencement of construction."

Total cost for the expansion and upgrades for both the McKinleyville and Arcata Fire stations are in excess of \$3.8 million. A generous contribution of \$1,250,000 was received from the Orvamae Emerson Fund. Additional funds were secured by community donations including the private sector, service clubs and businesses as well as by selling property owned by the organization.

Additionally, Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) is providing construction financing to the project. The investment will return benefits to our community by protecting homes, property and natural resources from threats to the lives and public health that come from both man made and natural disasters. "We're excited to see the renovation happen after all these years of planning; the stations would not have been possible without the collaboration and support of the district volunteers and the community," states Fire Chief Desmond Cowan.

The Downtown Arcata facility is being redesigned to accommodate on-duty personnel plus additional equipment. The facility will also be upgraded structurally to withstand Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquakes, so that firefighters may continue to respond to community needs during such an event.

The McKinleyville facility is currently a satellite station, with small crew quarters and apparatus bays for two engines. A new administrative headquarters is planned here, which will also have expanded crew quarters, larger apparatus bays and more room for additional on-duty personnel.

Arcata Fire | Time capsule planned

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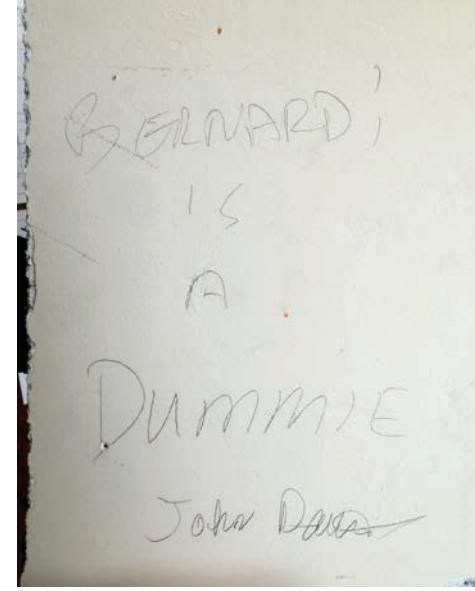
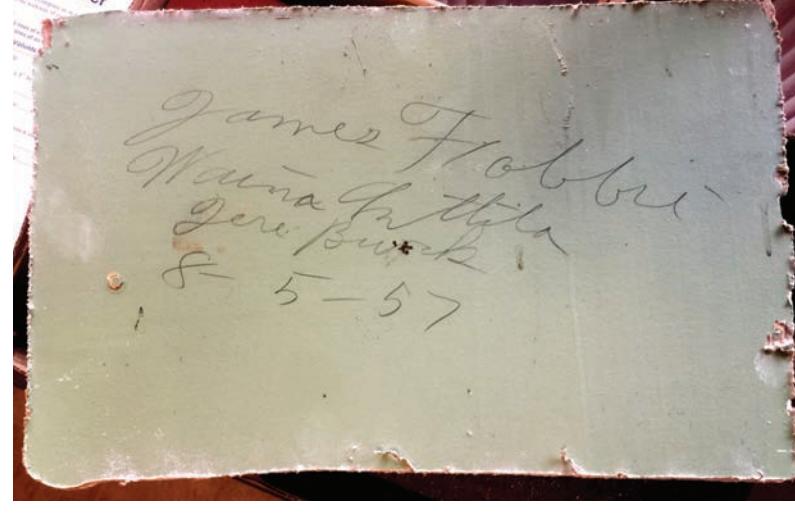
That depends on the siren. Cohune said there's no sense in making the bell operational if the siren is going to sound at the same moment, since the siren is so much louder. "If we find a home for the siren, we won't buy an expensive dinger for the bell," he said.

And there's the additional expense of restoring and getting permits for the siren, which would cost an estimated \$7,000 to \$12,000. "It's many thousands that could go to improving incident response for a siren that serves no operational purpose," he said.

Anyone wishing to host the siren may contact Debi Farber Bush at info@greenwaypartners.net or (707) 822-0597.

Meanwhile, the downtown Arcata station's overhaul is proceeding apace. The vintage building has been gutted to its core structure, revealing some fascinating construction details and giving up a few minor secrets.

The building has been through several remodels and expansions. Particularly odd are 1944-vintage walls constructed of vertically stacked 2x4 boards. In 1957, a second story was added, and in 1979 the ground floor



TREASURES Hunks of drywall inscribed with vintage graffiti have been discovered and recovered.

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A few finds were uncovered inside the walls. One is the scribbled signatures of firefighters James Fabbri, Waino Antilla and Jere Buck, dated Aug. 5, 1957. Another is the scrawled statement, "Bernardi is a dummie," signed by John Davis. Davis, now retired to Arizona, told Cowan he wrote that in the early 1960s with Arcata Fire legend Archie Bernardi standing nearby. They all had a good laugh.

Cowan had the inscribed wall segments removed and plans to frame Davis' graffiti and send it to him.

Another mini-mystery uncovered at



MAN WITH PLAN Fire Chief Desmond Cowan pores over renovation plans.

the station is the many silver-painted walls. Cowan is baffled, as is former Arcata Fire Foreman Alan Masterson. He served with the department from 1947 to 1957, operating a Studebaker three-pumper.

"I can't think of a reason why they'd be silver," Masterson said.

Masterson, 90, has vivid memories of the now-gone building which used to occupy the east side of the downtown station near Ninth and F streets. Arcata's historic Excelsior Hall, which dated back to the 1800s, hosted innumerable dances and social functions. Acquired by the fire department in the early 1920s and renamed the Firemen's Hall, it served many of the same functions.

"They had everything there — the Gingham Ball, the September Ninth Celebration, the Harvest Ball and the Christmas Ball," Masterson said. "I danced plenty of times there."

The Firemen's Hall burned down on July 30, 1945, and was later replaced by the present structure. Among the losses were what was said to be the finest dance surface in Northern California, a two-inch maple floor.

"In them days, it was altogether different," Masterson said.

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Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music – the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.

— Henry Miller, American writer (1891-1980)

Another concept is to visit all of Gaia's sources. Then, your life will be full and you won't have time to procrastinate through life as a whole, but will be in glory most of your lifetime. What a way to live! If we could only do this, we would have peace and love all over our orb. Oh well, we can dream, can't we?

Free range kids a no-no, that's not right as many are already tied into electronics because of this. Daylight is a time of sun and play without the hinder of stable rules. We must be able to envision ways of fun and playtime that will stimulate our brains, especially after school is out.



Hey, there is Phil Storre, shopping at our Co-op. Now that was fun as I hadn't seen him since his move last year, we talked for a while and he seems to be doing well, then we parted and went on our way, hope to see him again from time to time.

Did you feel it? This time an easy rocking quake making you wonder what it was. When you live on a busy street all it takes is for a heavy truck to roll by and it feels the same. This didn't stop for a spell so I checked hanging objects and they were still rocking. There were what sounded like gunshots down town in the early night time. Weird!

Thursday morning was another fun time with a magenta sunrise starting the day. Tai Chi was on the last Thursday of the month so it was twice over without instructions and the aura rising all over as you proceed.

Bottom time and Kona and friend were out for the first time in a while and we got to play a bit. On down the road, Kittenville was devoid of cats and I think maybe it was some road work having been done to deepen the gutters on the sides. Windsong Park was also empty for a spell and then there was one human and one canine tossing each other the ball with a catch and fetch exercise, but they didn't stay long with the off/on weather.

A couple of weeks ago, KEET channel 13, our local PBS station, had a great lin-up for the night with Ryan Adams on *Austin City Limits*, followed by Jenny Lewis. Then, on *Bluegrass Underground* was David Grisman Folk Jazz, then ending the night with Sun Studio Sessions and Patrick Sweany. Oh yeah, didn't have to leave the house.

Be sure and check out the Farmers' Market Saturday morning, as it is fun. Flying Blue Dog Nursery has several different kinds of fresh garlic and it's so yummy. Another you must try are their homemade jams, delicious and once you try them you won't buy others. There is a lot of produce available even though it's mid-winter as we have many different zones around us here. Sunday was so quiet everywhere with not many out-and-about until time to go to the tavern for play time or party time at home.

The great black walnut tree on J Street was trimmed last week along with a couple of others on the property, and they were gentle with the pruning, thank you, and the cats were hiding, I can't imagine why.

When you pass the chicken coop on Zehnder Avenue and it's raining you will be watching fun as the ducks and roosters and chickens roam to and fro into the flowing stream across from their home. "Give me a treat and I'll show you how to float and swim with the tide." They like company and will talk and play with you and kids that come by.

It was water, water everywhere on Monday in the Bottom and ponies were out, Elsie's cat clan were out and waiting but the horses were hiding and the feral cats colony was nowhere to be seen. Down on Foster Avenue there is a lone black cat that lives in the field and under a tree. Haven't seen him for a while but there was a cat carcass in the rising roadside stream but it was too large for a domestic cat. It had fangs and been the water for some time with the crows enjoying the fresh meat.

I love passing the house on Spear Avenue that has the sign "Hippies use side door."

The hillside on K Street below Arcata High School had a water spurt about two feet high gushing out, interesting. Down the way the Eucalyptus tree that had been skinned last year, has made a comeback in a full leaf V formation, Peace to all, awesome!

Bev says we got a scam phone call from the IRS this morning – "do not ignore this call, call back before we take action" and the number is (415) 735-7108, San Francisco area. Check it out online, you'll see.

Context, kudos and thank yous

McKMAC kudos

I was somewhat surprised at the charges and opinions of Mary Ella Anderson about a meeting she did not attend. I, too, am a resident of the Lazy J Ranch in Arcata. I took several other ladies to the meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee as we had been told that "rent control" was on the agenda. I thought the decision of the committee was brave and encouraging.

After having been harangued by members of the public, including daily emails containing links to ill informed and irrelevant information, they did their own research and came to a unanimous conclusion. They also chided both sides of the debate for providing exaggerated and erroneous information to the committee, newspapers and the general public. Their conclusion was that any disputes were better handled through arbitration instead of setting up an extraneous department at the county offices and wasting valuable resources.

It is astounding to me that in this day and age, with all the information available, seemingly intelligent people can make a major purchase, a manufactured home, sign a binding legal contract, a rental agreement, and still have no idea of their obligations under this contract.

The Johnson Family, a corporation, and the Swanlund Family, also a corporation, opted to sell their parks to Inspire Communities, another corporation.

Yes, the rent at the Lazy J has gone up \$20, approximately 5 percent, in the past two consecutive Julys, once by the Johnson Family and once by Inspire Communities. Comparing this to the new water rates, 11 percent a year, and new PG&E rates 10 to 20 percent a year, these rent increases seem somewhat modest.

Prices are going up, that is a fact of life, and those of us on fixed incomes are always concerned with how we are going to manage. But to accuse the McKMAC of selling us out is ill informed at best and hubris at worst.

Congratulations the McKMAC for standing up for the entire community of McKinleyville and Humboldt County. Kudos!

Jan Phelps
Lazy J, Arcata

Pancake thanks

The Arcata/Six Rivers High School Career & College Center would like to thank our sponsors and supporters for making our eighth annual pancake breakfast a success. The money raised at the breakfast

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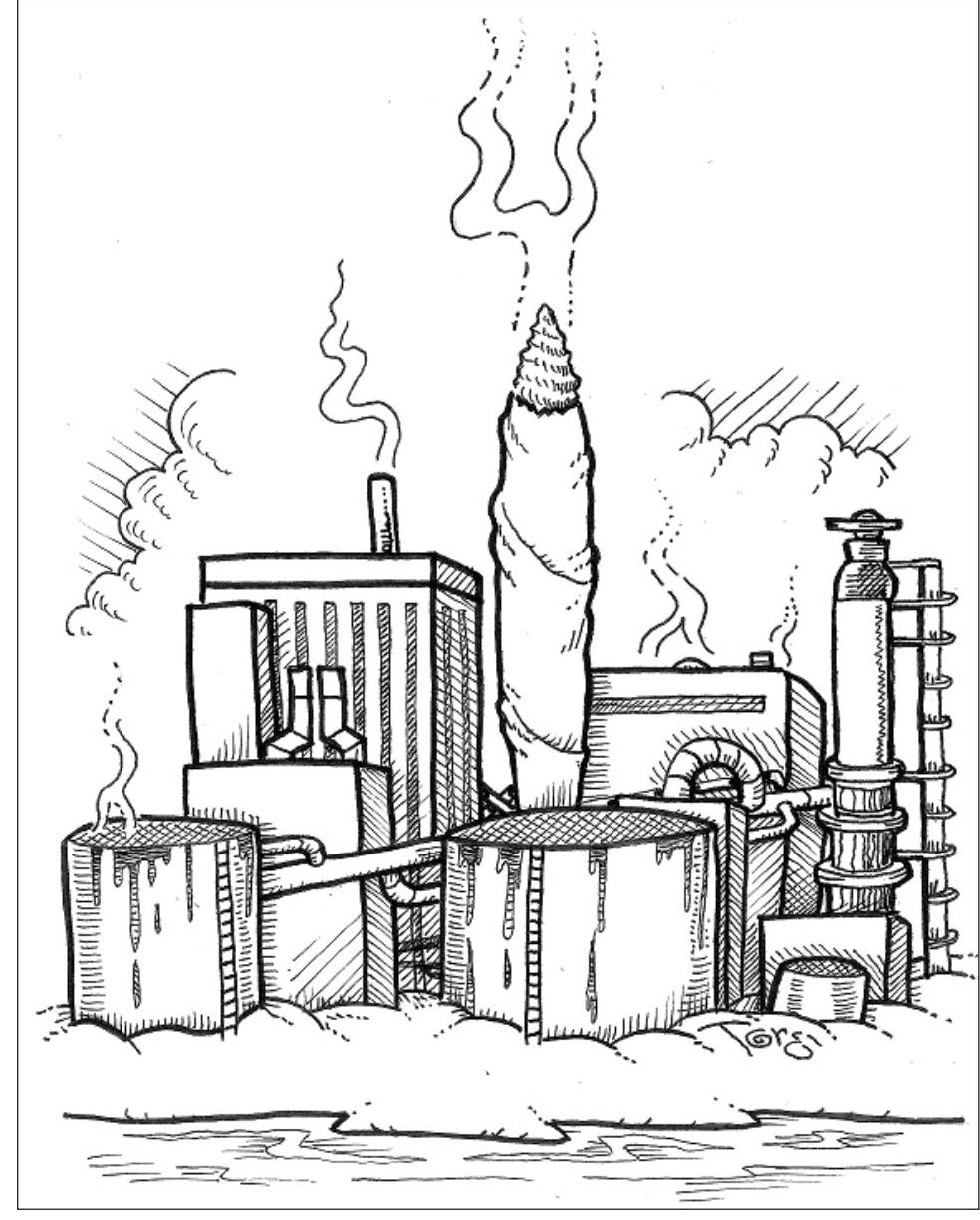
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A special thank you to Arny King for serving as kitchen manager and to Meredith Hyland, Jessica McKnight, Jeff Stebbins, and Nicky Townsend for serving as our event planning committee this year. Finally, thank you to the several hundred community members who joined us as paying guests for the breakfast. We'll see you next year.

Sincerely,
Jim Ritter
AHS & SRCHS Career & College Center
Arcata



News Item: Their toxic "liquors" now removed, old Samoa pulp mill may spark back up as a mega-cannabis center.

Of feral felines and homeless humans

An empty field in the Valley West neighborhood is currently the focus of disagreement between people who work in the area and others who have deep compassion for feral and semi-feral cats. There were recently between 20 and 40 cats living on the parcel. Workers at nearby businesses say the cats show up at their doors, potentially serving as vectors for disease, and swarm arriving clients in the parking lot.

Official complaints were made, the police were involved, and a woman who had regularly fed the colony was officially told to stop, based on assertions that her actions were exacerbating the problem. A different woman is currently working hard to trap cats, have them spayed or neutered and find homes for them. Since most are completely unsocialized, that's a tough task.

They need places where they can be barn cats or something like them. They need enough shelter to prevent them from being snacks for local carnivores, but enough space to remain independent from humans. It's a common conundrum, and in the immortal words of Anne Lamott, it "would make Jesus want to drink gin straight out of the cat dish."

Before you write to complain, Lamott is a devout Christian with a flair for words, especially words that describe deep despair. Her reference wasn't to feral cats, but to a different situation that seemed to her insoluble. No disrespect was meant by either of us.

The ancestors of domestic cats moved into close contact with humans as nomadic tribes settled down and began to farm crops, which they needed to store for winter. Cats are very efficient at reducing rodents which consume stored

crops, so it was a good deal for both felines and humans. The relationship became closer for some cats and people.

When a population of small mammals is allowed to exist without human intervention, it naturally adjusts to the circumstances. If there are more animals than the site will support, some leave for better pickings elsewhere, others become prey for larger animals. They fight for scarce resources and the losers often sicken and die – providing food for scavengers.

It's easy to be dispassionate about small animals we don't, or only rarely, see. It's different when they are up close and personal, and when they look just like pets that many people keep in their homes. For them, a feral cat colony is as much an affront as a camp of homeless humans.

It's interesting that while several people interviewed for a story about the Valley West cats were willing to place blame on the woman who had been feeding them, nobody asked what the property owner was doing to help reduce the problem. The lot, which is for sale, is grassy – translation weedy – near the street, then becomes covered with "dense foliage" along the back, where it borders the freeway. That's where the cats live, and the woman who is trying to trap, treat and place them says the colony has been there for decades.

For an undomesticated cat, it's not a bad place. Nearby fast-food restaurants, motel dumpsters and other food businesses offer decent pickings. The woman who was feeding them was not totally to blame for their existence.

If the field were cleared and the foliage removed, the lot would be much less hospitable to the cats, perhaps causing

them to scatter to other locales in smaller numbers. Some might not survive the change. Others might thrive, adopting a residence in the vicinity and perhaps even moving inside.

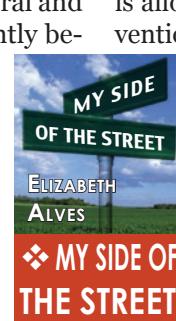
Young feral cats can be domesticated if they are given the opportunity soon enough. Older ones have a lifespan of a handful of years, during which they can be responsible for hundreds of kittens. Those that are trapped, fixed and vaccinated may live longer, but produce no more offspring.

There is a spectrum of opinion about how best to help cats such as these, and another whole argument about whether humans should try to intervene at all. Helpers are often labeled as enablers and sharply criticized for their efforts. "Let nature take its course" is often cited as the best remedy.

I can't help noticing the parallels between feral cats and homeless humans. They are all without loving homes, most lack or have lost the skills to co-habit closely with others. There is a lot of disagreement about whether they deserve help and if so, the best way to go about it.

Depending on who you believe, some enormous amount of bandwidth and storage space on the Internet is taken up with cat videos, so humans aren't going to lose their interest in felines any time soon. This colony will probably disperse when the land is sold and developed, but there will be others. Feral cats, like the poor, will always be with us, and we'll probably always be divided about how best to help them.

Elizabeth Alves admires Anne Lamott's use of language. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.



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ARCATA PLAYHOUSE – Valentine's Day weekend means flowers, chocolates and a lot of love. If you don't have someone special to spend the day with, or you are trying to think of something fun to do with your sweetie, look no further than the Arcata Playhouse.

The Playhouse will feature a weekend packed

with clowns, comedy and a giant pink pony.

Cirque de Soleil clown Mooky Cornish and Italian physical theater performer Sara Ski are teaming up for the world premiere of *MerrY ValentinA ExtrA VanganzA*, comedy revue with live music, acrobatics, amazing feats of mystery, poetry and comic mayhem for two nights, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14.

You can expect a quirky, charming and comedic animated spectacle performed by one of the

best clowns known in the world, and another one determined to become the best Polish acrobat in China and the cosmos.

This unforgettable show will tickle your funny bone with eccentric characters and reignite your passion for life. Couples, be prepared for your true love to be tested.

Seating will be cabaret style with small tables and the evening will feature delectable desserts and romantic cocktails.

Dress up or dress down, both couples and singles are welcome. Exclusively for the most adventurous people of the land, not for the faint of heart.

The weekend will also feature the unveiling of



DRAMA
QUEEN
Italy's
Sara Ski
joins Mooky
Cornish for
some Valen-
tine's hijinks.
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LARGER-THAN-LIFE Lance Borowitz with his oil paintings of post-fight politicians.

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Painter to show his politically charged work for Arts! Arcata

Bryn Robertson

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Local artist Lance Borowitz's collection of larger-than-life, subtly gruesome portraits depict contemporary politicians post fistfight, as if, instead of the near-constant bickering along the party line, discrepancies in belief were solved with brute force.

Borowitz paints quickly, with oils, placing large brush strokes of fully saturated color and neutral undertones to recreate the familiar faces of the US political world. Borowitz draws his inspiration from other painters, including the masters shown to him as a young boy during museum visits with his Grandma, contemporary figurative painter Jenny Saville and, lastly, his peers, whose work ethics motivate him.

In his final year in the Humboldt State University Honors Painting program, Borowitz plans to move elsewhere upon graduating to earn his Masters degree in Art, with the goal of becoming a teacher.

His political portrait series, inspired in part by the seemingly continuous threat (and recent realization) of a governmental shutdown, Borowitz looked at imagery

of Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) to convey the message he wanted. "It's not really something I really imagine people wanting to hang in their house. They're not comforting. But there's humor in them too. It's just something to think about," he said.

Since his political series, Borowitz has moved on to create pieces about the artistic process, rather than social commentary. Across two 30-foot scrolls of paper he drew a series of repetitive straight lines, or at least as straight as he could make them. "It's kind of obsessive looking, but I think all art is this sort of obsessive act that you have to put a lot of passion into, or it just sits in your closet."

Following his master's degree, Borowitz might consider returning to Humboldt County to teach. "I like it here. There's time to do art." Outside of school and art, Borowitz works in the Arcata Coop, in the cheese department, and as a gallery assistant at two of the three HSU campus galleries.

A current showing of Borowitz's political series is hung and available for public viewing at The Sanctuary, located at 1301 J St. in Arcata during February's Arts! Arcata on Friday, Feb. 13. Borowitz's show is The Sanctuary's first Arts! Arcata installation.

Highlights of the week

❖ MARDI GRAS



FAT TUESDAY Samba na Chuva headlines this year's Mardi Gras celebration at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. With performances by ToNaOnda and Steel Standing, this year's show guarantees to be the best one yet! Show starts at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14. Party at 11 p.m.

❖ THEATRE



LOS PARAJOS This week is your last chance to see this musical satire. Adapted by the Chicano American troupe Culture Clash from an ancient Greek play, *Los Parajos (The Birds)* runs Thursday, Feb. 12 through Saturday, Feb. 14. Show is at 7:30 p.m. each night, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday in the Van Duzer Theatre at HSU. Directed by Dell'Arte's Michael Fields, the performance features a professional six-piece band playing salsa, blues, gospel and rock 'n' roll.

❖ ART



BLUE LAKE ART NIGHT Read all about it on page B3

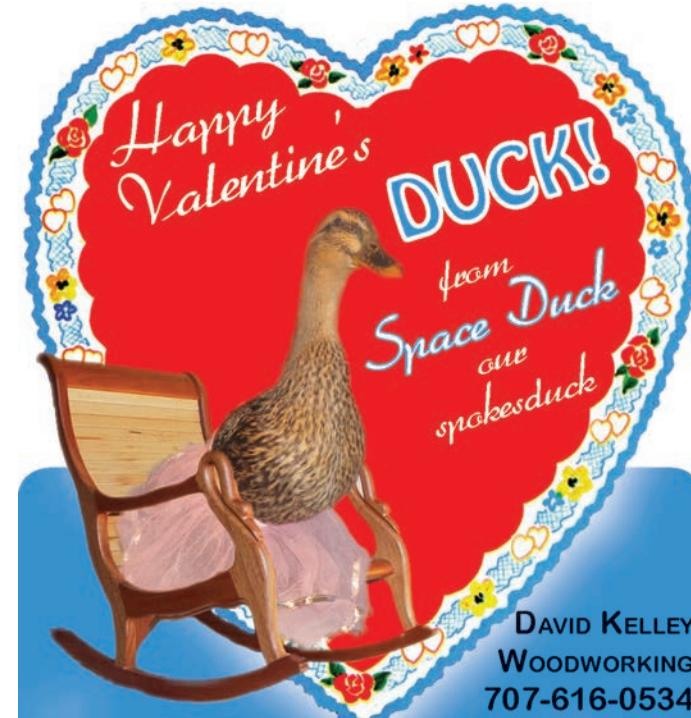
❖ FILM



HUMBOLDT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL The world's oldest student-run film festival hosts a "Best of the Fest" screening on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m. The show features the winning entries from the 2012-2013 season. This fun pre-festivities event kicks off the build-up to the 48th Humboldt International Film Festival in April! hsufilmfestival.com

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

❖ MUSIC

Aber Miller 6 p.m., Larrupin' Café, 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad

Piet Dalmolen 6 to 8:30 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • Acoustic jazz.

Local Music Showcase 8 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata

Blues Jam 8:30 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Whomp Whomp Wednesday 9:30 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

Rude Lion Sound 10 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ DANCE

Salsa Night 9 p.m., Humboldt Machine Works at Robert Goodman, 937 10th St., Arcata • \$5

❖ FILM

Barking Water 7:30 p.m., Native American Forum, HSU, Arcata • Film screening and discussion.

Sci Fi Pint and Pizza Night 7:30 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata • Featuring Bloodlust.

❖ OTHER

Storytime 6:45 p.m., Arcata Library, 500 Seventh Street, Arcata • A weekly story hour for young children.

Cabbage Tournament 6:45 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

❖ MUSIC

The M Notes 6 to 8:30 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • Eclectic acoustic.

Open Mic 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata

Claire Bent 7 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata

Protoje and the Indiggnation 9 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata • Featuring performances by DJ Dub, Ishi Dube and Jah Sun. Doors open at 9 p.m., happy hour prices on food and beverage until 10 p.m. \$20 advanced tickets at Morning Star, Northcoast Horticulture Supply and inticketing.com. \$25 general admission tickets. Show is 21 and over.

Open Mic with Jimi Jeff 8 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Karaoke with KJ Leonard 8 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake

Roots and Culture Reggae Night 9 p.m., Humboldt Machine Works at Robert Goodman, 937 10th St., Arcata

Kindred Spirits 9 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Karaoke with DJ Marv 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Rude Lion Sound 9:30 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ FILM

No Ordinary Hero: The Super Deafy Movie 6:30 p.m., The Minor Theatre, 1013 H St., Arcata • SuperDeafy must reveal the man behind the cape to find true love and inspire a young deaf boy to believe in himself; \$10.

❖ DANCE

Blues Night 8 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ THEATRE

Los Pajaros 7:30 p.m. Van Duzer, HSU, Arcata • A musical satire from ancient Greece adapted by the Chicano American troupe Culture Clash.

❖ OTHER

Tin Heart Earrings Workshop 6 to 7:30 p.m., SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Arcata • (Re)Boutique Artist Athena Rose will bestow her crafty knowledge on you to create a pair of light, ador-

able earrings; \$20.

Trivia Night 6:45 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake • With Jerry Wallace.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

❖ MUSIC

Blue Lotus Jazz 5:30 p.m., Larrupin' Café, 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad

The La Patinas 6 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • Sonic delights.

Open Mic 7 p.m., Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata

Duncan Burgess 6 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata

Friday Night Music 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fieldbrook General Store, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., Fieldbrook

River Valley Mud 9 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake

Vintage Rock N' Soul 9 p.m., Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • Rock. And soul. But vintage-y.

The Movers and the Shakers 9 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Doug Fir and the 2x4s 9 p.m. Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad • Rock 'n' roll.

Karaoke 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Free Rain's CD Release Party 9:30 p.m., Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata • Details on page B3.

Rude Lion Sound 9:30 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

DJs 10 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ ART

Arts! Arcata 6 to 9 p.m., various locations, Arcata • Details on page B3.

❖ COMEDY

MerrY ValentInA ExtrA VanganzA 8 p.m., Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata • Details on page B1.

❖ DANCE

World Dance 8 p.m., St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1675 Chester Ave., Arcata

After Dark Dance Party 9 to 11:45 p.m., Abruzzi, 780 Seventh St., Arcata

❖ FILM

Friday the 13th Part 2 8 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata

❖ THEATRE

Los Pajaros 7:30 p.m. Van Duzer, HSU, Arcata • See Thursday listing for details.

❖ OTHER

One Billion Rising 1 to 3:30 p.m., Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets, Arcata • A VDay Humboldt event with drums and dance.

NPA Climate Change Project Launch 4 to 7 p.m., Creamery District, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata • Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy students use different forms of performance, art and educational materials to present information on climate change.

Poetry Reading 7 p.m., Northtown Books, 957 H St., Arcata • Details on page B4.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

❖ MUSIC

The Jollyz 6 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • Roots, rock and soul.

Tom Toohey & Bon Swing 6 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata • Gypsy jazz.

Good and Evil Twins Karaoke 8 p.m., Silver Lining, California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport, McKinleyville

Love on the Rocks 9 p.m., Richard's Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 I Street, Arcata • Desserts, drinks and an eclectic collection of songs celebrating the joys and pains of that bittersweet thing called love.

Dr. Squid 9 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • Dance hits.

Doug Fir and the 2x4s 9 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad • Rock.

Brownout Presents Brown Sabbath 9:30 p.m., Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata • Brown Sabbath is the alter ego of Austin-based psych-funk collective Brownout who delve deep into re-interpreting the catalog of metal godfathers, Black Sabbath; \$15.

Fat Tuesday Celebration 9:30 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville • Details on page B1.

DJs 10 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

DJs 10 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ ART

Blue Lake Art Night 6 to 8 p.m., various locations, Blue Lake • Details on page B3.

❖ COMEDY

MerrY ValentInA ExtrA VanganzA 8 p.m., Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata • Details on page B1.

❖ DANCE

Latin Dancing 9 p.m., Mazzotti's on the Plaza, 773 Eighth St., Arcata

❖ FILM

My Bloody Valentine 8 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata

❖ THEATRE

Los Pajaros 2 and 7:30 p.m. Van Duzer, HSU, Arcata • See Thursday listing for details.

❖ OTHER

Arcata Winter Farmers' Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Arcata Plaza, Arcata

Babies at the Library 11 a.m. to noon, Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Ct., Trinidad • On the second Saturday of every month. Your child will thank you for this! Bring your baby aged three months to two years for story time fun.

Shot to the Heart Bingo 5 p.m., Bayside Grange Hall 2297 Jacoby Creek Road, Bayside • Dress as your favorite '70s or '80s rock star or group for a chance to win a prize. Cutest couple also take home a prize. Event is a potluck, so please bring a dish. Ages 18 and up; \$15.

Book Sale 1 to 4 p.m., McKinleyville Shopping Center, Central Ave. & Gwin Rd., McKinleyville • Details on page B4.

Trinidad Love Affair 8 p.m., Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad • Details on page B4.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

❖ MUSIC

Romance: A Recital by Piano Voce 3

to 4:30 p.m., Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad • Details on page B4.

Joe Garceau 5 p.m., Lighthouse Grill, Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad

Bayside Grange Music Project 5 to 9 p.m., Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., Bayside

Piano Jazz 6 to 9 p.m., Larrupin' Café, 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad

Open Mic 7 p.m., Mosgo's, 180 Westwood Center, Arcata

Jazz Night 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata

Celtic Fiddle Festival 8 p.m., Van Duzer Theater, HSU, Arcata • See details at humboldt.edu/centerarts.

Karaoke with KJ Leonard 8 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake

Karaoke with Chris Clay 8 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad

Sundaze with Deep Groove Society 9 p.m., Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ DANCE

Rueda de Casino (Cuban Salsa) 7 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ FILM

101 Dalmations 6 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata

❖ OTHER

Personal Tragedies Explored 7 p.m., Lifetree Cafe, 13th and Union streets, Arcata • "Why, God? When Personal Tragedy Doesn't Make Sense," features an original film depicting the true story of Thomas Vander Woude, who found his son struggling for his life after a backyard accident. Lifetree is a free conversation café with snacks.

Trivia Night 8 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville • Win up to \$50 in Brewery Bucks.

Potluck 6 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

❖ MUSIC

Anemones of the State 5 p.m., Sushi Spot, 1552 City Center Rd., McKinleyville

Buddy Reed 7 p.m., Crush, 1101 H St., Arcata

SCENE

ARCATA SUPER GROUP

❖ PEACEABLE HAMLET

Art night in Blue Lake

Tabitha Soden
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE — Arcata's got one, Eureka's got one, McKinleyville's got one, Trinidad too (from May to October) and now Blue Lake will have one. Blue Lake's first, modestly sized art night will take place Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Blue Lake Art Night is the brainchild of local abstract painter Margaret Kellermann. Kellermann moved to Blue Lake in 2013 from Portland, where she owned a vintage furniture shop.

Though Kellermann has lived here for a few years she only opened Blue Lake Studio at 239 Railroad Ave. in December. What used to be her private workspace is now a gallery open to the public. Relics from her old furniture shop line the front of the store and an old printing press takes up space behind the counter.

Kellermann is now primarily a painter specializing in abstract seascapes in acrylics. Some of these she paints from memory and some she paints on location.

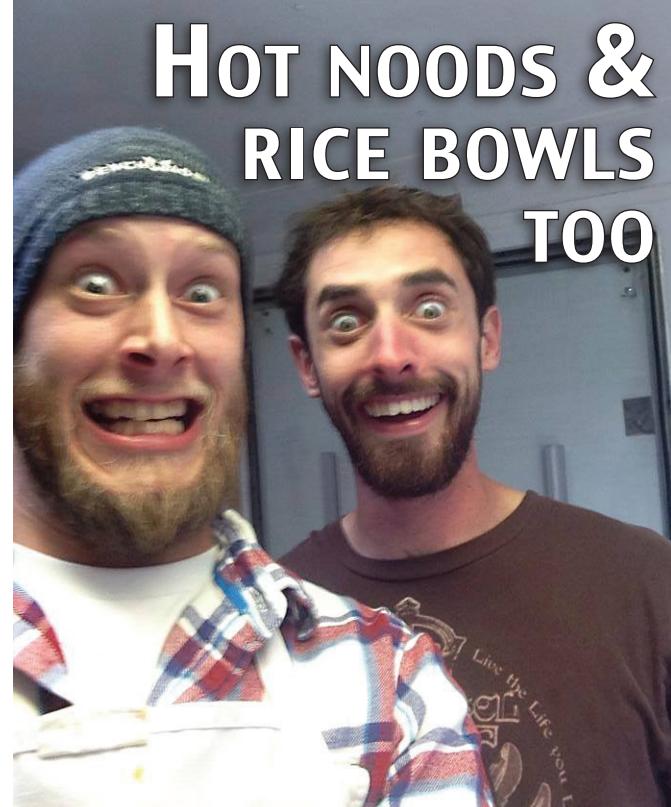
Blue Lake Studio has only been open for a month, but Kellermann has big plans. In the workspace in the back, she plans to host workshops starting this spring. She also hopes to have live music from time to time.

The front of the gallery doubles as a little gift shop with local trinkets for sale from old glass bottles to abalone key chains. Kellermann said she hopes to get more local goods in soon, and that her plan is to have the majority of the items come straight from artisans in Blue Lake.

"It seemed like everyone in town is an artist or musician," Kellermann said. And so far, she has received a lot of support for Blue Lake Art Night. This first one will feature events at Blue Lake Studio, with live music by Matt Brody and a blind tasting of chocolates. There will also be events at The Logger Bar and Mad River Brewing Co. More Blue Lake businesses, such as Dell'Arte, will join in later this year.

After kicking off this month, Blue Lake Art Night will continue to be held on the second Saturday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m.

❖ SHAMELESS SHILLING



DASHING GENTS Chef Chris Heys and restaurateur Jeremy Means. PHOTO COURTESY FACEBOOK.COM/DASHIARCATA

Jada Brotman
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — If you haven't been to Dashi yet, on the corner of G and Seventh, please go. Tip well. For the love of God, keep this great lil' food truck in business.

Here in the sweaty confines of the *Union* office, we were faced with the same grim decision about what to eat for lunch in downtown Arcata day after day. About eight months ago, a new food truck opened a mere half-block from the office and our lives were changed forever.

The vegan in the office lives on the Tangy Chili Tofu rice bowl (\$8.50 full-size, \$5 pint), deliciously grilled tofu wedges drenched in addictively tangy sauce, cradled by fresh julienned vegetables and aromatic cilantro atop white or brown rice.

Our editor, a hale food enthusiast, gets the hearty and luscious Red Curry over rice (\$9.50). Heavily coconutty, peppered with pineapple and fragrant with turmeric and cumin, it comes with your choice of protein. "Ed." leans towards the savory pork or grilled chicken.

I get that myself when I'm feeling decadent, but lately I've been slimming, so a bowl of homemade chicken or dashi broth with tangy chili chicken, carrots, bell peppers, mushrooms and cabbage does me just fine. I get the small size so it's only \$5.

Dashi also does a great chicken satay, ramen noodle bowl, noodle salad, spicy seared albacore and daily specials. I have never had a disappointing meal, and the service is charming and civil.

Go! Support the *Union* Dashi addiction! Don't let our lunch hour return to unhealthy mediocrity, and keep the delicious grilled tofu flowing.

Dashi is located at 737 G St., Arcata and is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. You should also patronize their truck when you find them at events around northern Humboldt. (707) 502-4314

Photo by Jada Brotman

Ian Bradley
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Arcata resident Piet Dalmolen decided he wanted to record an album. He presented the idea to his band Free Rain, and now, just over a year later, he's ready to share it with the rest of us.

This Friday, Free Rain performs at Humbrews in Arcata to celebrate the release of their first album, *Regeneration*.

Dalmolen, who is an audio and recording engineer by day, has been mixing and mastering the work to get it just right. He's also been keeping the progress a secret from his bandmates.

"He told me, 'you'll hear it when you get the CD,'" band member Jesse Jonathan said.

Free Rain is Piet Dalmolen on guitar, Aaron Drago on bass and moog, Tomek Zajaczkowski on keyboards and synths, Tommy Fitzmaurice on drums and Jesse Jonathan on percussion and tenor sax.

Dalmolen said that rather than record songs the band already knew, they decided to write entirely new material, with songs taking form during the process of recording.

He explained the title, *Regeneration*, "We had a few options for names. Where we practice is right next to Regeneration Brewery in McKinleyville," Dalmolen said. "We have a friendly relationship with them. That was the word that kept coming back."

Free Rain is Dalmolen's project. After playing in several different groups with local musicians, he decided he



PROTECTED FROM THE ELEMENTS Members of Free Rain perform at the Arcata Playhouse.

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wanted to start a band of his own. He has been involved in the Arcata music scene for almost 15 years and once he decided the sound he wanted a band, it was just a matter of contacting the right people to help him achieve it.

"Piet's got his pick of who he wants to work with. I'm honored that he wants to work with me," Jonathan said. "They don't need me to play percussion but they want me to. All these guys are really talented musicians."

The group's name is a play on the words "free reign." Dalmolen said after he started the group he turned to Facebook and asked his friends for a name. After tossing out the many profanities he received, he found "Free Rain," which he said seemed to just fit.

"We're an all-instrumental group so the name seemed appropriate. The

words were nice, and then the pun," Dalmolen said. "Free reign — we play what we want and kind of go all over the place."

Regeneration was recorded track by track. Jonathan said he often showed up at the recording studio and spent the day adding rhythmic textures to songs that were already recorded.

Dalmolen hopes the album can be used to get the group play more festival gigs.

"Three of the five of us have kids, so we don't play any regular gigs," Dalmolen said. "Just once every few months. Hopefully this will help us play more."

Free Rain will be performing with DJ Rickshaw and Farmhouse Odyssey at Humbrews, 856 10th St. in Arcata on Friday, Feb. 13. Tickets are \$5.

❖ ARTS! ARCATA LISTINGS



ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA — Arts! Arcata is this Friday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. This month's Arts! Arcata will be a special one, as there will be a horse-drawn carriage to provide rides courtesy of Arcata Exchange.

Arcata Artisans, 883 H St. — An artist collective featuring pastel artist Libby George and ceramic artist Natalie Dicostanzo.

Arcata Exchange, 813 H St. — Paintings by Denise Dodd and music by Dale Wingett. Wine pour by Trails Trust of Humboldt.

Arcata Pizza and Deli, 1057 H St. — Sketchbook remastered series by Arcata Arts Institute (AAI) students.

Bubbles, 1031 H St. — Music by local singer and songwriter Claire Hashem.

Garden Gate, 905 H St. — Art by



Kathryn Stotler, music by Kenny Ray and The Mighty Rovers. Wine pour by The Arcata House.

Liberation Wine Shop & Bar, 761 Eighth St. — Mixed media art by Rocky Whitlow, "The Other Side of Love." Guitar music by Duncan Burgess.

Pacific Outfitters, 737 G St. — Paintings by Phil Scheele.

Plaza Grill, 808 G St. — Photography by Nico Heyerdahl and paintings by Victoria Ryan. Wine pour by the Emma Center.

Redwood Curtain Brewing Co., 550 South G St. — Art by David Wein.

Redwood Yogurt, 1573 G St. — Digital art and watercolors by Arcata Arts Institute (AAI) students.

Rookery Books, 853 H St. — Music by The Empty Bottle Boys.

PORTRAITS IN WATERCOLOR

Works by Arcata Arts Institute artists Sierra Bennett (far left), Melina Ives (center), and Deco Morin (left) will be shown at Redwood Yogurt this month. AAI artists are also showing works at Wildberries and Arcata Pizza and Deli.



Robert Goodman Wines/Humboldt Machine Works, 937 I St. — Art by Marisa Kielehorst and music by DJ Benjamin Andres who is doing a set in honor of J. Dilla.

The Rocking Horse, 791 Eighth St. — Delicious cakes created by Ms. Parker's fifth grade class from Arcata Elementary School.

The Sanctuary, 1301 J St. — Political art by Lance Borowitz. See page B1 for more information.

Stokes, Hammer, Kaufman & Kirk, LLP, 381 Bayside Rd. — Art by Rick Park and Mary Harper and music by Wynsome Winds. Wine pour by American Cancer Society-Relay for Life Team 169.

Wildberries Marketplace, 747 13th St. — Photography by Arcata Arts Institute (AAI) students. artsarcata.com, (707) 822-4500

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Happy birthday, Presley, and thank you for helping out the furry friends at CAF!

Don't miss the

Valentine's Day sale at both CAF thrift stores - 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata and 410 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake. Everything in the stores will be 25 percent or more off. This is a great way to find some gently used treasures while also supporting local animal rescue and spay/neuter assistance.

For more information, email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or call (707) 826-PETS (7387).



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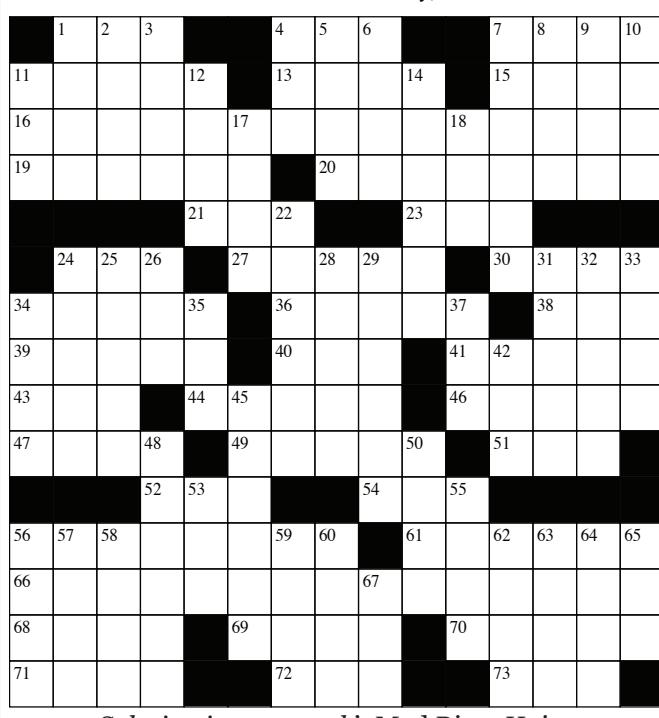
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- Scorch
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- "Queen of Jazz"
- Unnecessary ruckus
- Drooping
- Draw out water
- Outdoor meal
- Spooky lake?
- Reagan and others
- Pulitzer-winning playwright
- Brit's network letters
- Columnist Bombeck
- NBA team
- Greek peak
- Nothing
- Worked hard
- Cartoon character Fudd
- State
- Mil. branch
- Trample
- Enlisted personnel
- Writer Bret
- Kitchen garb
- Hammer part
- Indonesian island
- Soak
- Letter for Aristotle
- Last portion
- Basin
- Like elegant clothes
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If music be the food of love, play on in Trinidad

Trinidad Love Affair is a Valentine's Day evening of music and dancing at Trinidad Town Hall starting at 8 p.m.

The Lonesome Heroes, Psychedelvis, Circus of the Elements, the Humboldt Circus and a special appearance by Mr. Humboldt will entertain through the evening.

The event is a benefit for Trinidad Art Nights starting up again on the first Friday of May and running on first Fridays through October. Admission is only \$15 at the door and refreshments will be served. Email trinidadart@r5570@gmail.com for more information.

Sponsors are Lighthouse Grill, Trinidad Art Gallery and Strawberry Rock Gallery along with Community Arts Trinidad of The Ink People, Trinidad Chamber of Commerce and Coast Central Credit Union.

Romance: A Recital

Piano Voce presents a recital of romantic piano duets on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m., in Trinidad Town Hall.

Pianists Annette Gurnée Hull and Nancy Correll will play on the vintage Steinway. Narrator Richard Duning



ROMANTICS Richard Duning, Nancy Correll and Annette Gurnée Hull. SUBMITTED PHOTO

will read romantic poetry.

The concert will include music composed in the Romantic era by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Liszt.

There will be waltzes by contemporary composer Joseph Fennimore. Romps with composers Chabrier, Ravel and Satie are included along with *The Milky Way* by Estonian composer Urmas Sisask.

Gurnée Hull, Correll and Duning have filled Town Hall in the past. They are extraordinarily skilled artists who have generously given their talent to Trinidad community causes for years.

Donations at the door benefit Trinidad Museum this year.

Go Places at the Trinidad Library

Italy is the subject of the first in a series of travel evenings on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., in the Trinidad Library. Patty Stearns will give an intimate picture of Venice, where she frequently visits her daughter Kelly, son-in-law Marco and their two small boys. The Stearns family know places no tourist ever ventures. Bologna, Parma, Ravenna are on the itinerary too.

An evening in Italy will be followed by destinations to the Northwest Passage, Ireland, France, Bhutan, Tasmania and more.

Maria Bartlett is organizing these travel evenings. Contact her at Maria.Bartlett@humboldt.edu for information on the series or if you'd like to share your travel experiences.

Lighthouse Grill Music Sundays

Coming up at Lighthouse Grill from 5 to 7 p.m. each Sunday will be a surprise artist on Feb. 15 and singer Kelly Busse on Feb. 22 and March 1 followed by Tim Breed on March 8.

JD Jeffries and Michael Stewart, regular performers in Trinidad, will entertain on Friday, Feb. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Silver Lining at the airport.

Third Friday Jazz at WCA

The talented RLA Trio is back on Friday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. for another

evening of great jazz at Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr.

RLA Trio is Tim Randles on piano, Mike Labolle on drums and Bobby Amirkhan on bass. The trio has recently been featured at the Folklife Festival Jazz Nite, the Arcata Playhouse, Morris Graves Museum and Taste of Humboldt.

Admission is \$5 to \$10 sliding scale and refreshments will be served. Visit westhavencenter.org for more information or call (707) 677-9493.

New executive director

Cynthia Gosling of Freshwater is the new executive director of the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, following Beachcomber Cafe's Melissa Zarp's fine service.

A resident of the area for 11 years, Gosling has worked in global marketing for IBM. With a Master's degree in museum planning and design from the University of Arts in Philadelphia, she has assisted local museums with recent exhibits. Her undergraduate degree in art history and business administration is from University of the Pacific in Stockton.

Gosling will spend about 20 hours a week in her new job, which will include growing a larger volunteer pool of helpers for the Fish Festival and the Trinidad Clam Beach Run and meeting community organization leaders and business owners.

She is a member of the Freshwater School Board and is married to Thomas Wolf, an industrial designer. They have three sons who attend Freshwater School.

Mike Reinman, president of the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, looks forward to introducing the new director to the community.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Hear Pott's Trickster Friday and learn a new trick Saturday

Northtown Books welcomes Randall Potts to read from *Trickster*, his new collection of poems, on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Joining him to read will be Humboldt poet Monte Merrick.

Randall Potts is the author of a previous collection of poems, *Collision Center*, and a chapbook, *Recant: (A Revision)*. His works have appeared in numerous poetry reviews and other publications. Potts volunteered as an intern at a wildlife rehabilitation hospital and worked on several oil spill responses. He lives in Berkeley, California.

Monte Merrick began working with injured wildlife in 1999 at the PAWS Wildlife Center in Lynnwood, Wash. He is a co-founder and co-director of Bird Ally X, a collective of wildlife caregivers based in Northern California, which recently merged with the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center.

A poet and occasional publisher of other poets, his poetry can be found in the *West Marin Review* and online



◆ BOOK BEAT

at *le point d'appui: a magazine of ammunition*, which he edits. Monte Merrick and his wife, artist Laura Corsiglia, live between the redwoods and the sea in Manilla.

McKinleyville Library book sale

Friends of the McKinleyville Library is offering hundreds of good condition books at bargain prices on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. This month, readers of all ages will delight in the variety of canine related books on our feature table: *Gone to the Dogs*. Bowser is featured in mysteries, love and adventure stories, and there are books about how to select, care for, train and groom your dog.

Recent donations also include a large selection of heart-throbbing romance books and a collection of books by and about Native Americans including history, traditions, stories, arts and more.

Outside tables full of fiction and non-fiction books will be \$2 per bag. Look for this dog gone good sale near the Totem Pole at the McKinleyville Shopping Center. All proceeds support the McKinleyville Library. Donations of books in good condition may be brought to the site during open hours.

Who's on first?

Abbott and Costello are a pair of goofy teenage dogs that arrived at the shelter together last month. They are both around a year old and may or may not be related.

Abbott is a beautiful dog that appears to be a Lab mix. He has soft black fur with some interesting grey highlights on his legs and a white blaze on his chest. He is a gentle guy and quite Labby in mannerisms.

Abbott loves to play fetch and will return the ball nicely. He has a good sit which he is happy to display while waiting for the ball to be thrown again. Abbott is the more mature of these two.

Silly Costello is just a big puppy! He is a tan Lab mix with very unusual markings on his face. He likes to run alongside Abbott during fetch but isn't all that interested in possessing the ball for himself. Costello is quite submissive and loves to roll over for a good belly rub.

Both these dogs are excited coming out of their shared

kennel (who wouldn't be?) but are not particularly high energy dogs. They calm down quite quickly after a

little play yard time and are learning their leash manners. These dogs could be adopted together or separately. Both are neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. They are available through the Humboldt County Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave., near the airport in McKinleyville. Please call (707) 840-9132 for more info or come meet them in person!

At Redwood Pals, we have been working on a new project. We have been organizing pack walks – opportunities for our friends, fosterers and adopters to bring their dogs out for a group walk. Pack walks are a great way to improve our dogs' behavior!



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These are a little different than going to the beach with the dogs; the social benefits come from walking in a pack, not from running and playing. By keeping dogs moving together you unify them, bond them as pack mates, and give them a positive experience around people and other dogs (two of the biggest triggers of reactivity). Even the grumpiest dogs are relaxed and calm by the end of a good pack walk.

If you have a dog that can be unpredictable around other dogs or strangers, try this for helping them become more comfortable and less reactive. The rules are pretty simple: dogs are on leash (not retractable ones) and are not meeting the other dogs, just walking with them. Start out with plenty of personal space but be amazed at how comfortable the dogs are after a good 45 minute walk. We've walked with three dogs and with a dozen or more! Don't worry if your dog is the one being a punk when you arrive at the meeting place; keep calm, set your gaze forward and start walking!

Send us a note at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com if you have questions or have a pack walk photo to share with us. We would love to hear from you!

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You often hear about McKinleyville High doing good for the community. This time, we're taking it all across the nation.

Interact Club is hosting Pennies for Patients, a campaign by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society this year. Boxes for donations are being placed in various classrooms across campus. Anything from a few cents to a couple of dollars helps the fight against cancer. If you have a child going to Mack High, be sure to encourage them to donate that extra few cents they found under the couch to the box in their fifth period class!

Little things like that really make a difference in the long run, when everything adds up. It's extremely rewarding to know that you are donating to a good cause. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society researches cures and creates new treatments for patients of all ages.

Cupid is flying around campus

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! Cupid is flying around our campus as classes and clubs sell Valentine Grams, homemade Valentine cards and Matchmaker Surveys. Students took these surveys about a week ago and the results will show who they would be most compatible with as friends or in a relationship. It's a very fun way to celebrate the holiday.



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❖ PANTHER
REPORT

Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity to show your friends you love them. There's no such thing as being "single" when you are surrounded by good people.

I do miss the days in elementary school where the entire class would get Valentines. Mrs. Sahlberg, an English teacher at McKinleyville High, is planning to recreate that for her IB English seniors on Friday. I'm in that class and I'm so excited to give Valentines to everyone and receive them. We will each have mailboxes on our desks that will be filled by the end of the class.

As if you needed an excuse, Valentine's Day is a great reason to eat excessive amounts of chocolate and not be judged for it. (Then again, you never need an excuse to eat excessive amounts of chocolate, any time of the year.) Have a lovely Valentine's Day from all of Mack High!

Senior Night at the B-ball game

Tonight, the Mack High Boys' Basketball Team will play their final home game. It is their Senior Night! Be sure to come out and support the boys in their game against Arcata.

Just like all their other games, it's sure to be incredible – the boys will take on their infamous rivals and the game will be on fire. Freshmen will play their game at 4:30 p.m., Junior Varsity will play their game at 6 p.m. and our senior players will begin their game at 7:30 p.m. in Mack High's main gym. Hope to see you there. Bring some Panther spirit!

ASH WEDNESDAY On Wednesday, Feb. 18, St. Alban's Episcopal Church offers "Ashes to Go," a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition, on the Arcata Plaza between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. St. Alban's Episcopal Church is part of a new nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passersby with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal. For more information about Ashes to Go on the Arcata Plaza, contact St. Alban's Episcopal Church at (707) 822-4102.



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FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Arcata's Forest Management Committee meets Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 a.m. at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Agenda items include: Reschedule Post Harvest Field Trip; Examination of Metcalf Plots in Arcata Community Forest; 2015 Meeting Schedule and Roads, Trails & Ridge Trail Construction Progress.

LOVE JANES CREEK Show Mother Earth and the Janes Creek riparian ecosystem how much you love them! The City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department, the Humboldt Fish Action Council and Humboldt State University's Natural Resources Club invite you to help clear invasive plants from Janes Creek between Stromberg Avenue and Hilfiker Drive on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the corner of Hilfiker Drive and Cropley Way. Look for the volunteer work day signs along the road. Everyone's welcome! Participants will be provided with tools, a continental breakfast and a barbecue lunch. Please be sure to wear work clothes and closed-toe shoes or boots. (707) 825-2163, eservices@cityofarcata.org

MARSHES NEED LOVE TOO Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. Come show your Valentine's Day love for the marsh! Meet leader Barbara Reisman at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

PINTS FOR GODWITS Buy a beer, fund a festival! Join Godwit Days for Pints for Nonprofits Night at Mad River Brewery on Wednesday, Feb. 18 starting at 5 p.m. Godwit Days connects people with nature through field trips, workshops, boat trips, and free community events. One dollar of every beer sold between 1 and 9 p.m. will support this 20th annual spring migration birding festival in mid-April. The Redwood Yogurt Boys will play bluegrass between 6 and 8:30 p.m. and food can be ordered from the brewery kitchen. If you'd like to work off your brew beforehand by birding Blue Lake, meet at the brewery at 3 p.m. for a two-hour field trip (\$10 fee) with Gary Bloomfield. godwitdays.org, (707) 826-7050

❖ VIRTUAL WOODS

Interactive Trails Maps puts forest online

Benjamin Fordham

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Thanks to HSU Forestry student Joao Paolo Conti, an interactive map of the Arcata Community Forest's trail network is now available online as part of "Interactive Trails Maps."

Part of Conti's capstone project, the map provides a video preview of each trail section, as well as the location of benches, picnic tables and the identification of various tree species.

An avid bicyclist, Conti filmed each of the trail sections himself with the help of his trusty mountain bike and a helmet-mounted camera. Conti believes being able to see video of the trails will encourage people to visit parts of the forest they might not otherwise try. "I think this kind of stuff can change people's minds," he said.

"You have a more reliable idea how (the trails are) going to be," says Conti, including distance, elevation changes, and difficulty. The video segments provide viewers

with a sense of the scenic beauty of the forest that a relief map just can't provide.

With the support of HSU Forestry professor John Pascal-Berril, who encouraged him to strengthen the interpretive forest ecology aspect of the map, Conti approached



the City of Arcata about his idea, and city staff provided him with the resources he needed to get started.

"This map offers people the opportunity to establish a deeper connection with nature and hopefully the people that tend and manage these resources," Pascal-Berril said. "It would be wonderful if our whole society had greater understanding of the forest ecology and management."

Conti, a Brazilian exchange student, has been an avid bicyclist since age 11. After touring local Brazilian roads, he says, "I began to discover the trails." That's why he was especially excited to transfer to Humboldt State.

"I knew about the Community Forest and all the activities people

do here," he says.

It's a stark contrast from his native Brazil, where despite scenic nature reserves with lakes and waterfalls, access is strictly prohibited. "They do the opposite (as the Community Forest)," he says. "It's such a shame."

As soon as Conti arrived in Arcata, he bought a new bike and set about exploring the trail networks. "I did the biking trails because I wanted to know all of them," he says.

Conti said he hopes to eventually expand the project to include other local trail systems. "I want to do this for more places," he says. "I really want to put all the famous places in the county on the website."

Not only can this encourage more locals to explore the trails, says Conti, but it can entice tourists to the area who can now see the trails first-hand on his website. Someday, he hopes to create an app for his trail maps, so people can use them "anytime, anywhere."

"I know apps are the future," he says. For now, you can view Conti's Arcata Community Forest trail map at interactivetrailmaps.com. You can also call Conti directly at (707) 296-3855, or email him at interactivetrailmaps@gmail.com.

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